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P.O. Box 1450  
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Attn: Victor Batson

Dear Victor/Commissioner of Patents

We are petitioning the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a one month extension of the time for reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment for Application No. 10/631,383 Art Unit 3671. Title of Invention: Mobile Grave Excavator.

As we have discussed with you on several occasions Mr. Batson this is a patent that is drawing overwhelming response and Mr. Cole who is now demised would be devastated if we were to lose this patent. The family and I are working on making the correction and speaking with the USPTO as to what our options are for naming his wife Betty J. Cole as the current inventor, as she wishes to keep moving forward. This has been a terrible time for the Cole family and I as Mr. Cole was my mentor and friend.

If you have any questions you can email us at [pbs87@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbs87@sbcglobal.net), or by my cell phone 1 317 371 8243 Carol Wheeler patent assistant for the late William R. Cole.  
Thank you for your time and patient with this patent and this request.

Respectfully,

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